

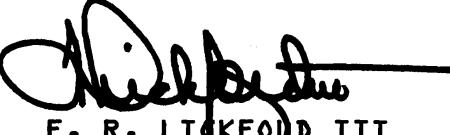
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Encl: {1} Basic History  
{2} Documentary Annex

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**BASIC HISTORY**

**{1} COMMAND ORGANIZATION**

**{a} Biography of Present Commanding Officer**

**COMMANDER  
ROGER W. GASKIN  
UNITED STATES NAVY**

- {b} Mission and functions which have changed since a previous submittal, and the authority for the changes. NONE
- {c} Composition of Command, including the designations of units assigned, dates and authority for any activations or deactivations, and information on significant organizational changes during the year. NO CHANGES
- {d} Any change in the location of headquarters or homeport - NONE

{2} Summary of Operations

- {a} The significant events, and highlights of 1975 are listed in the following chronology.

JANUARY

- 17 - DETACHMENT ALFA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS DALE TO JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA TO PROVIDE MQM-74A SERVICES FOR COMPTUEX 5-75
- 17 - DETACHMENT DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74A SERVICES VF-14 MISSILEX
- 17 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE DEPLOYED TO JACKSONVILLE OPERATIONS AREA ABOARD USS SALINAN FOR COMPTUEX 5-75/BULLPUPEX/FORESTAL ORE
- 27 - DETACHMENT BRAVO AND DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74A SERVICES FOR VF-14 MISSILEX

FEBRUARY

- 7 - DETACHMENT DELTA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS ALBANY TO PROVIDE MQM-74A SERVICES
- 11 - DETACHMENT LITTLE CREEK PROVIDED MK-35 SERVICES FOR USS ALBANY
- 14 - DETACHMENT ECHO DEPLOYED TO JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA ABOARD USNS MOSOPELEA FOR MK-33 SERVICES FOR PATWING ELEVEN BULLPUPEX

MARCH

- 3 - FIRST OPERATIONAL FLIGHT OF MQM-74C
- 6 - DETACHMENT ECHO DEPLOYED TO VACAPES TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR USS KENNEDY
- 17 - DETACHMENT ECHO/LITTLE CREEK VACAPES TO PROVIDE MK-33/MK-35 SERVICES FOR BULLPUPEX
- 25 - DETACHMENT DELTA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS KENNEDY FOR MQM-74 SERVICES
- 27 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE/LITTLE CREEK AT VACAPES TO PROVIDE MK-33/MK-35 SERVICES FOR USS KENNEDY
- 31 - DETACHMENT LITTLE CREEK AT VACAPES FOR AIR-TO-SURFACE GUNNERY EXERCISE FOR VF-14

APRIL

- 21 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE/LITTLE CREEK DEPLOYED VACAPES FOR PATWING 5 BULLPUPEX
- 21 - DETACHMENT BRAVO/ALFA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74 SERVICES FOR VF-103. DR-1 MADE IT'S FIRST OPERATIONAL AERIAL TARGET RECOVERY.

APRIL {CONT'D}

- 28 - DETACHMENT DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74 SERVICES  
VF-102/103 MISSILEX

MAY

- 2 - DETACHMENT BRAVO DEPLOYED CAMP LEJEUNE FOR MQM-74 SERVICES
- 9 - DETACHMENT ECHO DEPLOYED TO JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA  
ABOARD USNS MOSOPELEA FOR PATWING 11 BULLPUPEX
- 13 - DETACHMENT LITTLE CREEK AT VACAPES TO SUPPLY MK-35  
SERVICES FOR USS TALBOT
- 20 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR MQM-74 SERVICES FOR VF-103  
MISSILEX
- 27 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR MQM-74 SERVICES FOR VF-101  
MISSILEX

JUNE

- 10 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE DEPLOYED NSWC DALGREN VA
- 13 - DETACHMENT ECHO AT VACAPES FOR USS SHREVEPORT MK-33  
SERVICES
- 10 - DETACHMENT BRAVO AT DAM NECK FOR MQM-74C SERVICES FOR  
VF-32
- 23 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-31
- 27 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES TO  
USS NIMITZ

JULY

- 11 - DETACHMENT DELTA DEPLOYED ABOARD USS CALIFORNIA TO SUPPLY  
MQM-74C SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF COMPTUEX 1-76
- 14 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES  
FOR USS DALGREN
- 18 - DETACHMENT BRAVO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS BRUMBY FOR UNITAS  
XVI
- 22 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES  
FOR 10 DAYS, WHICH INCLUDED USS GUADALCANAL SGT
- 28 - DETACHMENT DELTA ABOARD USS BLANDY TO SUPPLY MQM-74C  
SERVICES TO USS PRATT

AUGUST

- 5 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-33/  
VF-102
- 18 - DETACHMENT DELTA DEPLOYED TO DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-  
74C SERVICES FOR VMA-231, VMA-542, VMA-531 OPERATIONS
- 20 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USS PRESERVER TO  
SUPPLY MK-33 SERVICES FOR PATWING BULLPUPEX/CVW-7
- 25 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES  
FOR CVW-17

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 - DETACHMENT ECHO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS FAIRFAX COUNTY TO SUPPLY MK-33 SERVICES FOR COMPHIBRON TWO/SIXTHFLT
- 2 - DETACHMENT DELTA DEPLOYED TO CAIRO EGYPT IN SUPPORT OF NIMBUS STREAM. PROVIDED SERVICES FOR MINE COUNTER MEASURES UNITS ALFA/BRAVO CTF-65
- 8 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USNS NIPMUC IN THE JACKSONVILLE OPERATING AREA FOR PATWING 11 BULLPUPEX, USS INDEPENDENCE ORE/TTY
- 15 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT D/N TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-41
- 16 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK FOR MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-142
- 22 - DETACHMENT L/C AT VACAPES SUPPLYING MK-33 SERVICES FOR PATWING FIVE BULLPUPEX

## OCTOBER

- 5 - DETACHMENT DELTA RETURN FROM NIMBUS STREAM OPERATIONS
- 6 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE AT VACAPES SUPPLYING MK-33 SERVICES FOR COMOPTEVFOR
- 30 - DETACHMENT ALFA DEPLOYED ONSLOW BEACH FOR CG 2ND MAW FOR MQM-74C SERVICES

## NOVEMBER

- 1 - DETACHMENT DELTA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-31 AND VF-103
- 4 - DETACHMENT DELTA AT DAM NECK TO PROVIDE MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-31/VF-103
- 11 - DETACHMENT CHARLIE DEPLOYED ABOARD USNS ATAKAPA AT VACAPES FOR COMPTUEX 3-76
- 10 - DETACHMENT DELTA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES FOR VF-142
- 14 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES. SERVICES SUPPLIED FOR VF-31/VF-103
- 21 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES FOR COMPTUEX 4-76
- 28 - DETACHMENT ECHO DEPLOYED PINECASTLE EW RANGE, LAKE GEORGE, FL TO SUPPLY MK-33 SERVICES FOR CVW-3

## DECEMBER

- 1 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES TO VF-84
- 2 - DETACHMENT ECHO DEPLOYED ABOARD USS SARATOGA/CVW-3 TYPE TRAINING
- 10 - DETACHMENT BRAVO RETURNS FROM UNITAS XVI
- 11 - DETACHMENT DELTA AT DAM NECK FOR VF-84 MQM-74C SERVICES
- 18 - DETACHMENT ALFA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES TO VF-74

DECEMBER {CONT'D}

23 - DETACHMENT DELTA AT DAM NECK TO SUPPLY MQM-74C SERVICES  
TO VF-101.

### {3} Special Topics

#### {a} Major Command problems faced and action taken by the Commanding Officer

One of the most costly problems encountered has been procurement of engine parts for the newly introduced target {MQM-74C}. Because of the accelerated tempo of operations, the lack of parts has plagued the squadron since the recent introduction of the MQM-74C. Additionally aerial targets logistic support was critical in the areas of JATO, JATO racks, squibs, batteries for the flotation packages, drogue chutes and receivers/decoders for the special ECP-69 configured target. The squadron has maintained an operational capability with the marginally supported MK-33 SEPTAR.

The appropriate authorities in the chain of command have been notified about these problems and action is being taken to rectify them.

#### {b} Summary information on important new equipment.

1 The primary utilization of the MQM-74C aerial target is for fleet surface-to-air missile and gunnery training for shipboard and land-based operations, and air-to-air missile training for aviation units. The target is a high wing monoplane of conventional aircraft design powered by a YJ 400 variable speed turbojet engine producing a minimum of 176 pounds of static thrust at sea level. The target is controlled and maneuvered in flight with an onboard control system, by ground-to-air radio command. The airframe structure is fabricated of aluminum alloy. It is designed to float for 24 hours after a water landing, and is equipped with an onboard control system, by ground-to-air radio command. The airframe structure is fabricated of aluminum alloy. It is designed to float for 24 hours after a water landing, and is equipped with a parachute recovery system and retrieval equipment.

#### MQM 74C SPECIFICATION

1 Speed	Min - 250 kts; Max - 500 kts
2 Ceiling	20,000 feet
3 Shipboard Launch	Zero length launcher
4 Launch Method	JATO assist
5 Endurance {AVG}	40-45 minutes
6 Flotation	24 hours
7 Command/Control	UHF
8 Gross weight	420
9 Wing Span	5.66 feet
10 Length	12.71 feet

2 It was noted in last year's command history that PT 809 was acquired for the use of recovering aerial targets. The boat has been designated Delta Romeo - 1 and its first operational recovery took place on 21 April 1975. Prior to this time FLECOMPRON SIX had to solely depend on other commands to provide recovery services.

DR-1's presence has significantly contributed to the total recovery capabilities of the squadron and enhanced our flexibility during our increasingly complex series of operations.

Due to DR-1's recovery capabilities we have reduced target losses in the VACAPEs area considerably. It is estimated that DR-1 has saved the Navy over one hundred thousand dollars a month in its recoveries and has been beneficial to our operational commitments.

{b} Statistics on main programs of the command that should be part of the historical record.

SUMMARY OF VC-6 OPERATIONS, CY 1975

	<u>Dam Neck</u>	<u>D/Dets</u>	<u>Comb</u>
Launch Attempts	147	73	220
Sat Launch Attempts	123	64	187
Sorties Provided for ships	20	37	57
Ships Services	5	15	20
Sorties Provided for A/C	80	28	108
Squadrons Served	34	4	38
Operational Expenditures	39	24	63
Hit & Killed Expenditures	37	14	51
Successful Missions completed	123	64	187
Dam Neck Gun Time	45	N/A	45